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SUBJ: MEXICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN
UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

PARIS FOR US PERMDEL UNESCO

REF: STATE 232308

1. SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, DIRECTOR IN CHIEF, FONSEC, STATES THAT USG CAN COUNT ON MEXICAN VOTE IN FAVOR OF UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION THAT GENERAL CONFERENCE BASE ITS ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS OF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS ON THE WISHES OF MEMBERS OF THE REGION CONCERNED, AND ALSO THAT MEXICO WOULD SUPPORT ASSIGNMENT OF ISRAEL TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN REGION. HIS SOLE CONDITION REGARDING THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MAGGER WAS THAT ISRAEL'S ASSIGNMENT TO EUROPEAN REGION WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE CONSENSUS AGREEMENT OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BEFORE MEXICO WOULD LEND ITS SUPPORT. HE STATED THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT RPT NOT VOTE FOR ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP AGAINST THE WISHES OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. WITH THIS PROVISIO, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID THAT US COULD EXPECT MEXICAN VOTE.

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2. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THIS ISSUE WAS BY NO MEANS ONLY ISRAELI QUESTION THAT WOULD ARISE IN UNESCO. HE MENTIONED ISSUE OF ISRAELI ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGGINGS IN JERUSALEM, COMMENTING THAT MEXICO HAD VOTED AGAINST ISRAEL FOR UNDERTAKING ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGGINGS, AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY SO VOTE AGAIN IF THIS QUESTION AROSE IN 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.
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